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SAN JOSE FOR CODEL MCGOVERN

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SUBJECT: CODEL MCGOVERN

REF: (A) CARACAS 11534, (B) 283655

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI. AS STATED IN REF. (A) UNTIL THESE ARE FIRM, EMBASSY HESITATES TO MAKE FULL PROGRAM.

2. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, TWO EVENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED. THE FIRST IS A LUNCHEON AT NOON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 OFFERED BY THE VENEZUELAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (VEN AMCHAM). THE LUNCHEON WOULD BE ATTENDED BY THE TWENTY MAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VENAMCHAM PLUS SENATOR MCGOVERN AND HIS PARTY AND SENATOR DALE BUMPERS AND HIS PARTY WHO WILL ALSO BE IN CARACAS ON DECEMBER 15. VENAMCHAM WOULD BE PLEASED IF BOTH SENATORS WOULD SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT TOPICS OF INTEREST OF EACH OF THEM. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT VENAMCHAM HAS NOT REPEAT NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE VENAMCHAM.

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3. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE SENATOR MCGOVERN TO SPEAK ABOUT ANY SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO HIM. THIS TALK WOULD BE HELD AT 18:00 AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ITSELF, AND WOULD BE ATTENDED BY VENEZUELAN PROMINENT IN POLITICS, LABOR AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD ARRANGE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKS THAT, SHOULD SENATOR MCGOVERN

ACCEPT, THE SENATOR SUGGEST THREE TOPICS SO THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER MAY PICK ONE.

4. EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN PRESS CONFERENCE AND WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD THE SENATOR AGREE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED BY MR. JEFFREY SMITH (REF B) EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR SENATOR TO MEET WITH CANDIDATES OF ACCION DEMOCRATICS (SOCIAL DEMOCRATS) (AD) AND COPEI (SOCIAL CHRISTIAN) PARTY CANDIDATES. THESE ARE THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES IN VENEZUELAN POLITICS. THE CANDIDATES NAMES ARE LUIS PINERUA ORDAZ, AD, AND LUIS HERRERA CAMPINS, COPEI. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF CONTACTING BOTH CANDIDATES TO SEE IF THEY WILL BE IN TOWN (THEY ARE ALREADY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL) WHEN THE SENATOR IS IN CARACAS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SENATOR'S REACTIONS TO THE IDEAS MENTIONED IN THIS MESSAGE AS WELL AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A ONE DAY VISIT TO MARACAIBO OR CIUDAD GUAYANA (REF A). AS SOON AS EMBASSY RECEIVES WORD ABOUT APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER, IT WILL SEND A MORE COMPLETE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE TO CODEL.
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